

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-16, and 31-42 are all the claims pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended herein to include the subject matter of claim 10 and claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Further, claims 33-42 have been added herein and recite the subject matter of previously cancelled claims 17-28.

The Examiner contacted Applicant's representative and suggested amending claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 10 in order to clarify the claimed method. Applicant has amended claim 1 as the Examiner has suggested, and respectfully requests that claim 1 and all claims dependant thereon be allowed.

Applicant has also added claims 33-42, which recite the subject matter of previously cancelled claims 17-28. As independent claims 33 and 39 recite features similar to those recited in claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims and all claims dependant thereon are patentable for analogous reasons and respectfully requests that these claims also be allowed.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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